

Dr. Jose Fierro
President's Message
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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to inform you that Cerritos Complete has been named one of **five** finalists for the nationwide **2018 Examples of Excelencia** in the category for Associate degree-granting institutions. This is the second national award nomination that Cerritos Complete has received in the past year.

The [Excelencia in Education Awards](#) focus on exceptional programs that make a demonstrable difference in promoting Latino student success through degree completion; we at Cerritos College are without a doubt committed to the success of all of our students. An external selection committee, composed of leaders in higher education, will now select one program in each of four categories - Associate, Baccalaureate, Graduate, and Community-Based Organizations – to be recognized as the 2018 Examples of *Excelencia*. The four programs will be announced and honored on October 11, 2018 at the *Celebración de Excelencia* hosted in Washington, DC.

Cerritos Complete continues to serve as a national platform to showcase the success of our students and the dedicated work of our faculty, staff, and administrators. I would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to each of you who contributes to the success of Cerritos Complete. I am also thankful for the support that our Board of Trustees has provided to Cerritos Complete and for the Board's continued commitment to student success. A unified vision will continue to help us build strong programs for our students and community. I am very proud of our collaborative campus efforts.

https://www.edexcelencia.org/press-releases/excelencia-education-unveils-21-finalists-2018-examples-excelencia?blm_aid=34741

Best,
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President/Superintendent